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William Muno, Director
Superfund Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: IN THE MATTER OF, Sauget Area 2 Superfund Site, Unilateral Administrative
Order,
Docket No. V-W-02-C-716

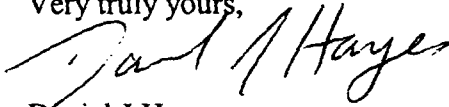
Dear Mr. Muno:

This letter is written on behalf of the Village of Sauget and the Sauget Sanitary Development and Research Association in connection with the above-referenced Unilateral Administrative Order issued pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA (the "order").

Without waiving and expressly reserving any rights and defenses to liability relating to the Order that they may have, the Village and the Association hereby notify you of their intent to participate, subject to the participation of other responsible parties, in the performance of the activities lawfully required by the Order and subject to reasonable terms for their participation. We have been working cooperatively with Solutia to do so and intend to continue doing so. To the extent that the Village owns any property, which is subject to the terms of the Order, the Village also is willing to grant necessary and reasonable access to its property to allow the activities required by the terms of the Order to be performed. By indicating this intent to participate, neither the Village nor the Association admits any fact or liability under the terms of the Order, or under CERCLA, nor do they admit that any and all of the provisions of the Order are valid and lawful. We submit that there is insufficient evidence to establish that either the Village or the Association are jointly and severally liable for the costs incurred, or to be incurred, at the Site.

William Muno, Director
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel J Hayes".

Daniel J Hayes
Attorney for the Village of Sauget and
The Sauget Sanitary Development and Research Association

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